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Re: Enclosed Petition and Fee For Extension of Time and Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/987,404  
Docket No.: SH-0027US

Dear Examiner Hoffman:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 26, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
Scott M. Tulino  
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